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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ELEVEN NATIONAL  
BIOTERRORISM HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM  
AGREEMENTS, AND TRANSFER OF PANDEMIC INFLUENZA GRANT  
FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT YOUR  
BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to offer and execute amendments to the existing National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program (NBHPP) Agreements with the eleven hospitals identified in Attachment B, substantially similar to Exhibit I, effective July 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007, to provide reimbursement of ventilator equipment costs, at a maximum rate of \$30,000 per ventilator, for a total maximum obligation of \$1,920,000, at no County cost.
2. Authorize the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to accept a transfer of Pandemic Influenza Preparedness grant funds in the total amount of \$1,920,000 from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to reimburse the eleven hospitals identified in Attachment B for the purchase of ventilators.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Department of Health Services (DHS) Emergency Medical Services Agency to reimburse eleven hospitals designated as Disaster Resource Centers (DRCs) for the purchase of ventilators with funding provided through the transfer of \$1,920,000 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness grant funds from DPH. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided Pandemic Influenza Preparedness grant funding directly to DPH to address unique equipment, training, planning, and exercise needs and to assist the County in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from a Pandemic Influenza outbreak.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:**

Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal 3, Organizational Effectiveness, Strategy 3, to collaborate across functional and

jurisdictional boundaries by promoting regional capabilities for the planning and response to acts of terrorism and other public health emergencies; and Goal 4, Fiscal Responsibility, Strategy 2, investing in public infrastructure by securing grant funds for the purchase of needed equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This program is fully funded by the CDC Pandemic Influenza Preparedness grant awarded to DPH. There is no cost-share or matching fund requirement. The purchase of the ventilators by designated hospital DRCs has been approved under this grant.

Funding and the offsetting revenue from DPH has been included in the Health Services Administration Fiscal Year 2007-08 Final Changes Budget Request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On March 30, 2004 your Board approved NBHPP agreements with the eleven hospitals identified in Attachment B, and approved delegated authority to extend the term of the agreements through August 31, 2007.

The DRC designation for the eleven hospitals is established within their respective NBHPP agreements and requires the facilities to store, secure and maintain ventilators and replace them as needed to ensure a constant state of readiness. The proposed Amendment includes terms for the purchase and reimbursement of the ventilators to be funded by the CDC grant funds.

A key area of planning for a pandemic involves working collaboratively with the health care community. Funding from the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness grant was earmarked to provide reimbursement to hospitals to purchase ventilators and this funding would be provided to hospitals designated as DRCs through existing hospital preparedness program agreements.

The CDC has provided DPH with specific guidelines for the activities and expenditures allowable under this grant. Working with our health care partners and utilizing existing contracts to meet the goals and requirements of the grant, DPH will transfer Pandemic Influenza grant funds to DHS to enhance the stockpile of ventilators.

Attachments A and B provide additional information.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to use and form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Designated hospital DRCs will be offered the opportunity to participate and receive this funding to purchase and stockpile ventilators.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This transfer of grant funds provides funding to DHS to reimburse designated hospital DRCs for the purchase of ventilators which will be used to assist the County in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from a Pandemic Influenza outbreak.

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When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT1. Type of Service:

This Amendment provides for 11 hospitals participating as Expanded and Disaster Resource Centers in the National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program to be reimbursed by County for costs of purchases of ventilators to enhance and sustain the capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from a Pandemic Influenza outbreak.

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3. Term:

The Amendment term is effective July 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007.

4. Financial Information:

This program is fully funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Pandemic Influenza grant funding provided to the Department of Public Health (DPH) with no cost-share or matching fund requirement. DPH will transfer \$1,920,000 in Pandemic Influenza grant funds to the Department of Health Services to reimburse designated Hospital Disaster Resource Centers for the purchase of ventilators.

5. Primary Geographic Area to be Served:

Countywide.

6. Accountable for Program Monitoring:

The County's local Emergency Medical Services Agency.

7. Approvals:

Emergency Medical Services Agency: Cathy Chidester, Acting Director

Contracts and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel: Edward Morrissey, Sr. Deputy County Counsel

CAO Budget Unit: Latisha Thompson

**NATIONAL BIOTERRORISM HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM  
DISASTER RESOURCE CENTERS**

**DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR VENTILATOR PURCHASES**

<u>HOSPITAL</u>	<u>MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT</u>
1. California Hospital Medical Center	\$ 120,000
2. Cedars Sinai Medical Center	\$ 390,000
3. Childrens Hospital Los Angeles	\$ 120,000
4. Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital	\$ 120,000
5. Kaiser Foundation - Sunset	\$ 120,000
6. Long Beach Memorial Medical Center	\$ 450,000
7. Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	\$ 120,000
8. Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital	\$ 120,000
9. Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center	\$ 120,000
10. St. Mary Medical Center	\$ 120,000
11. UCLA Medical Center	<u>\$ 120,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,920,000